



# County Councilman David Marks Fifth District Newsletter

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## MESSAGE FROM COUNCILMAN MARKS:

### REZONING LIGHTENS RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT IMPACT ON 417 ACRES IN 5TH DISTRICT

On August 28, the Baltimore County Council acted on my recommendations to lighten the impact of future residential development in the Fifth District.

- In **Towson and Loch Raven**, 67 acres were downzoned, the largest change ever adopted in this area. The County Council eliminated the possibility that hundreds of apartments or townhouses could be built at the Mount Pleasant Golf Course if the city ever sold the property for development. The Council also downzoned community parks at Southland Hills and Burkleigh Square, the Prospect Hill Cemetery, and city-owned land in Aigburth Manor and Fellowship Forest.
- More than 86 acres were downzoned in **Carney and Parkville**, including 67 acres in the Cromwell Valley. I also recommended downzoning undeveloped properties near Northwind Road and Magledt Road.
- The Council downzoned 264 acres in **Perry Hall**, including environmentally-sensitive land southwest of Perry Hall High School, along the East Joppa Road corridor near Chapel Road, and north of Seven Oaks Elementary School.

While I often hear that not a single new home should be built in our communities, landowners deserve the right to sell their property and make a profit—and growth creates jobs and expands our tax base. I believe, however, that the rezoning decisions we just made will protect more green space and lighten the impact of growth on our roads and schools.



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## County Council Passes Design Standards Legislation

The Baltimore County Council passed Bill 50-12, sponsored by Councilman Marks, which requires new construction in Downtown Perry Hall to be approved by the Baltimore County Design Review Panel. The Design Review Panel includes nine architects and engineers who evaluate projects in Arbutus, Catonsville, Essex, Pikesville, and Towson. The Perry Hall commercial revitalization district has now been added to this list. Existing businesses that want to make minor changes will be exempt from this review.

## Towson City Center to Bring 500 Jobs to Downtown Towson



Earlier this month, Councilman Marks joined other local leaders at the ribbon-cutting for Towson City Center, the renovated Investment Building at the corner of York and

Dulaney Valley Roads. This 12-story office tower is now 100 percent leased. Tenants will include MileOne Automotive, the Towson University Institute for Well-Being, WTMD Radio, BusinessSuites, WMS Partners, Remedi, and Cunningham, a new farm-to-kitchen restaurant from the Bagby Restaurant Group.

## Councilman Marks Sponsors Legislation to Protect Pet Cemeteries

Councilman Marks is sponsoring legislation that would require the owner of a pet cemetery in Baltimore County to notify anyone who has purchased a lot if the property were to be developed or used for another purpose. The bill would also require some form of compensation.

The Oakleigh Pet Cemetery in the Ridgleigh area is the resting place for hundreds of former pets. Councilman Marks downzoned this property to prevent overdevelopment if it were to be sold, but the new legislation would add protections for those who purchased lots.

## Carver High School Opens

The new, \$88 million Carver Center for Arts and Technology opened this month. While located in Towson, this school accepts talented students from throughout Baltimore County, and it will be the site for the Greater Baltimore Youth Orchestras in 2012 and 2013.

## New School Superintendent Dallas Dance to Hold Town Hall Meetings

Baltimore County's new public school superintendent, Dr. S. Dallas Dance, will hold a series of town hall meetings this fall. You can view the entire list here <https://www.bcps.org/supTransitionTeam.html>. On September 12, Dr. Dance will hold a meeting at Loch Raven High School at 7 p.m. On October 3, there will be a town hall meeting at Perry Hall High School at 7 p.m. Come to a meeting to learn about the Superintendent and share your thoughts on our public schools.



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and Perry Hall Improvement Association**

## Perry Hall Apple Festival Set for September 22-23

The Perry Hall Improvement Association and Chapel Hills Farm and Nursery will sponsor the Perry Hall Apple Festival on Saturday, September 22 and Sunday, September 23 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The festival is held at the farm and nursery at 4350 Chapel Road. Visit <http://www.perryhallapplefestival.com> for more details.